

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims

1. (Withdrawn) An adhesion preventive kit, comprising:
 - (A) a first membrane of at least two layers having a biodegradable base layer and an adhesion preventive layer provided respectively at outermost surfaces thereof and a second membrane of at least one layer having an adhesion preventive layer provided at an outermost surface thereof, or
 - (B) an adhesion preventive membrane including a biodegradable base layer and an adhesion preventive layer, which membrane has an outermost surface constituted of the adhesion preventive layer and has a tissue sandwiching part.
2. (Withdrawn) An adhesion preventive kit according to claim 1, wherein the biodegradable base layer contains collagen, polylactic acid, or polyglycolic acid.
3. (Withdrawn) An adhesion preventive kit according to claim 1, wherein the biodegradable base layer is composed of woven cloth, a nonwoven fabric, a sheet, or a sponge.
4. (Withdrawn) An adhesion preventive kit according to claim 1, wherein the biodegradable base layer is composed of a collagen nonwoven fabric.
5. (Withdrawn) An adhesion preventive kit according to claim 1, wherein the adhesion preventive layer contains hyaluronic acid, collagen, or gelatin.
6. (Withdrawn) An adhesion preventive kit according to claim 1, wherein the adhesion preventive layer is composed of a sheet or a sponge.

7. (Withdrawn) An adhesion preventive kit according to claim 1, wherein the adhesion preventive layer is composed of a sponge of a mixture of collagen and hyaluronic acid.

8. (Cancelled)

9. (Cancelled)

10. (Cancelled)

11. (Currently Amended) A method of preventing adhesion between an injured or deficient tissue and a surrounding tissue located in a surrounding part of the injured or deficient tissue comprising:

sandwiching an injured or deficient portion of the injured or deficient tissue by (A) a first membrane and a second membrane or by (B) a tissue sandwiching part of an adhesion preventive membrane, so that the injured or deficient portion is not exposed and the portion is not in physical contact with the surrounding tissue,

wherein the first membrane has ~~at least two layers having~~ a biodegradable base layer and an adhesion preventive layer, the biodegradable base layer and the adhesion preventive layer being provided respectively at outermost surfaces thereof of the first membrane, and the second membrane has at least one layer having an adhesion preventive layer provided at an outermost surface thereof; and

wherein the adhesion preventive membrane includes a biodegradable base layer and an adhesion preventive layer, which membrane has an outermost surface constituted of the adhesion preventive layer and has a tissue sandwiching part.

12. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 11, wherein the injured or deficient tissue is pericardium, pleura, diaphragm, cerebral dura mater, stomach, esophagus, or a digestive apparatus.

13. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 11, wherein the tissue is pericardium, and the surrounding tissue is heart.

14. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 11, wherein the injured or deficient tissue is separated from the surrounding tissue by at least the adhesion preventive layer.

15. (Cancelled)

16. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 11, wherein the biodegradable base layer contains collagen, polylactic acid, or polyglycolic acid.

17. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 11, wherein the biodegradable base layer is composed of woven cloth, a nonwoven fabric, a sheet, or a sponge.

18. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 11, wherein the biodegradable base layer is composed of a collagen nonwoven fabric.

19. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 11, wherein the adhesion preventive layer contains hyaluronic acid, collagen, or gelatin.

20. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 11, wherein the adhesion preventive layer is composed of a sheet or a sponge.

21. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 11, wherein the adhesion preventive layer is composed of a sponge of a mixture of collagen and hyaluronic acid.